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Greenbriar Is Site for Second Elections Forum on Monday

by Bay Woods

On Monday, August 18 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Room at 7600 Hanover Parkway, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and Fair Vote will participate in a community forum they are calling “The Prospects and Promises of Electoral Reform in the City of Greenbelt.”

This will be the second public meeting on the issue of the city’s at-large election system. The first meeting was a worksession of the Greenbelt City Council. The second meeting will focus on electoral reform.

On February 29 the City of Greenbelt received a letter from Deborah Jeon of the ACLU, representing that group and the Prince George’s County chapter of the NAACP. In the letter Jeon claimed that unless Greenbelt was willing to change its municipal election laws, it would fail to meet its obligations under the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The Greenbelt City Council is

currently elected in November of odd years by means of a system where every member of council is elected at-large by the votes of all participating. The ACLU and the NAACP have argued that this system has produced an all-white city council.

They proposed moving elections to even-numbered years (so they correspond with national and state elections) and creating districts to help ensure that the racial make-up of council more closely resembles that of the city’s population. Fair Vote proposes an alternative Choice Voting system.

After two previous meetings were canceled by the NAACP and the ACLU, the city hosted the first public meeting about the issue. June White Dillard of the NAACP, Amy Ngai of Maryland FairVote and Deborah Jeon, author of the ACLU’s letter, each presented their rationale for changing the city’s electoral system and proposed concrete changes they believed would fix the problem. Attendees at the

meeting, like council itself, were largely white and, to use Jeon’s phrase, were not “fully representative of Greenbelt’s racially diverse citizenry.”

Many citizens in attendance stressed the city’s civic pride and activist spirit and expressed a sense of betrayal. Frank Gomez said, “I was offended about the NAACP and ACLU getting in our business.”

Barbara Dickey-Davis was “concerned with the tone of the NAACP and ACLU,” which she called “offensive and shocking,” demonstrating only that the organizations “have come in without doing their homework.”

Others, such as Evelyn Lewis, said, “When I look at a council that isn’t diverse, it tells me it doesn’t represent the city. It is very important that all people are represented.”

Nearly everyone who attended the meeting welcomed some form of change, though there was no consensus on what to change and

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Longtime Greenbelt Employee Learns New Ropes as City Clerk

by Anne E. Carroll

Cindy Murray may be new to the job of Greenbelt’s city clerk but she’s a familiar face in Greenbelt’s city offices. When she started this job on June 2, she simply opened a new chapter of her 33-year career with the city and moved her office from the Public Works Department to the Municipal Building.

Of her new position, she says, “I like it very much. I find it very interesting.” But the most interesting thing about the job for her also ties into her biggest frustration so far. While she loves how much she is learning about the city as its clerk, she also is impatient with her own inability to provide answers for people as quickly as she would like.

In her former position with Public Works, she explains, she knew the ins and outs of the whole department. In this new job, there’s a lot she doesn’t know yet and she is sometimes frustrated when she doesn’t have the answers to people’s questions at her fingertips. “I need to have patience with myself,” she emphasizes; she’s eager to get back to the same comfort level she had at Public Works.

In the meantime she has the support of a number of key people, including Kathleen Gallagher, who served as city clerk until April, when she left for a



Cindy Murray

PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

job at the Institute of Governmental Service and Research at the University of Maryland, and Assistant City Manager David Moran, who worked as city clerk in the late 1990s. “I’m following in some great footsteps,” Murray asserts. She emphasizes that both Gallagher and Moran have been important resources for her. “I’ve called on Kathleen a few times,” she explains, “and she’s been very helpful.” Of Moran, she says, “It’s really nice to have someone currently on staff who has done this job before!”

Moran is quick to pass back the compliments. “Cindy is doing a great job,” he says. “We’re really thrilled she’s here. We’re very lucky to have someone with her skills, qualifications and de-

sire to do this job.”

Moran emphasizes that Murray’s background with the city is one of her strengths as clerk. The job is an administrative one; the clerk reports to the city manager, Michael McLaughlin, and works extensively with the council and other city officials.

In large part Murray’s job as city clerk is to prepare, maintain and attest to the official records of the city government and council’s action. At meetings she takes minutes and notes the resolutions and ordinances discussed, as well as the actions taken.

Murray’s other responsibilities include administering the city’s elections every other year and maintaining voter registration records for the city.

Moran points out that fulfilling those duties requires a lot of communication with other city departments which makes Murray’s knowledge of the city especially useful. “One of her strengths is her knowledge of Greenbelt,” he says. “She already knows who’s who and where things are, and she already understands the organization and structure of the community and the city government.”

Murray identifies her clerk role as one of a facilitator; she sees

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Council Focuses Attention On Schrom Hills Pond

by James Giese

The only item creating any great interest and discussion at the August 11 Greenbelt City Council meeting, a meeting that otherwise consisted of non-controversial pro-forma agenda items, was what to do about maintaining the pond at Schrom Hills Park and who should do it. After discussion, council agreed to seek more information and then ponder again what to do about the pond.

History

For more than 20 years the pond has been a perplexing problem to the city and a matter of concern to nearby residents. Originally planned as a landscaped lake with adjacent walking trails around it, a second Greenbelt Lake for Greenbelt East residents, the developer,

according to Councilmember Ed Putens, added \$10,000 to the price of nearby new homes having lakeside views.

Besides being a scenic amenity to a new city park, the pond was to serve as a required storm water detention facility for development of the Greenbrook and Ora Glen subdivisions off Hanover Parkway in Greenbelt East. But the residents moved in without the pond having been built.

While the developer, city, county and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers went back and forth on design for the lake, reducing its size and eliminating an island and surrounding walkways, the pond appeared on its own because of an obstruction of some

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Greenbelt's Leonie Penney Receives Leadership Award

by Kathleen McFarland

Leonie Penney recently received another award to add to the many she has earned in her long life of community activism. The latest is a beautiful framed Lucite plaque for “Excellence in Leadership” in recognition of her “outstanding advocacy on behalf of older adults and commitment to developing livable communities.” The plaque is signed by County Executive Jack B. Johnson and should have been presented on May 19 at an Older Americans program at the Marriott Hotel where Penney was honored. It was delivered just a few weeks ago, since Johnson’s representative was unable to attend the program.

The May 19 banquet was hosted by Marriott as part of a new partnership with the city. The program was organized by Christal Parker Batey, Greenbelt’s Resource Advocate and head of the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program for senior citizens; Daryl Pennington of GAIL was mistress of ceremonies. At the banquet, Penney was named Outstanding Volunteer of 2008 for her work in helping to establish the GAIL program,



Leonie Penney

PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

including the ongoing Friends of the Resource Advocate committee, and her long service on the city’s Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

The keynote speaker at the banquet was Gloria Lawlah, Secretary of Aging for the State of Maryland. In addition to Penney’s family and guests, Greenbelt’s city manager and councilmembers also attended, as well as many Green Ridge House residents and volunteers.

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What Goes On

Monday, August 18

7 p.m., Council Worksession with ACLU/NAACP, Greenbriar

Tuesday, August 19

7 p.m., Police Community Outreach Meeting on Spellman Overpass, Community Center

Wednesday, August 20

7:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, Community Center Senior Lounge (Room 111)

Thursday, August 21

8 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board and Finance Committee Meeting, Hamilton Place

Festival Notes

While the Labor Day Festival is for kids of all ages, the planning committee wants to make sure that there will be plenty to do for those who are truly kids, meaning those who are school-aged. Below is a list of some of the highlights scheduled for Saturday, August 30, Kids' Day.

Kids' Games

A variety of games in a true carnival-style setting will take place on the front lawn of the Greenbelt Community Center, sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department, 9 to 11 a.m.

Kids' Pet Show

All kinds, types and sizes of pets will get some well-deserved attention on the Community Center lawn. Registration is at 9:30 a.m., judging at 10 a.m. and awards at 10:30 a.m. This is presented by Girl Scouts of Greenbelt.

Kids' Music

Rock and roll from the musical group, "Rocknoceros," which has won WAMMIE awards for best children's recording of the year in 2006 and 2007 and best children's artist in 2007, will perform on the main stage, 3 to 4 p.m.



Kids' Clown & Magic

Greg May, one of Greenbelt's favorite clowns, will amaze and amuse fair-goers on the main stage, 4 to 5 p.m.

Then, senses may be challenged as people laugh and thrill to the high-energy magic, insane comedy and astounding illusions of one of the East Coast's best magical teams, Speed and Thro, on the main stage, 5 to 6 p.m.

Princess Pageant

Miss Greenbelt's Princess Pageant for young girls 2 to 6 years old will be hosted by the reigning Misses Greenbelt: Gelila Mesfin (Miss Greenbelt) Julie Houchens (Junior Miss) and Jade Kienas (Little Miss) on the main stage, 7:15 to 8 p.m.

Carnival Fun

And, of course, throughout the weekend there are the rides, games, food and many more entertainers for the youngsters. So kids, be sure to get the homework done early on Friday to be able to enjoy all the fun!

For information on any aspect of the Labor Day Festival weekend and activities visit www.greenbelt.com/laborday.

— Frank DeBernardo

Two Local School Students Ace Tests

Springhill Lake Elementary and Greenbelt Middle Schools are among the Prince George's Country Public Schools where students did extremely well on the 2008 Alternative Maryland School Assessment (Alt-MSA) test.

Students at Springhill Lake scored 100 percent proficiency or advanced in math and reading; students at Greenbelt Middle School were in the 90th percentile.

The Alt-MSA is designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities. It assesses whether students have achieved mastery objectives in reading and math in grades 3 through 8 and 10.

Balt. Bonsai Club Exhibits at USNA

Baltimore Bonsai Club members will bring trees from their private collections to the U.S. National Arboretum for a free exhibit open from August 23 to 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

On Sunday, August 31 at 1 p.m. a club member will give a free demonstration. Time will be available to ask questions about how bonsai are created and trained.

OLD GREENBELT
THEATRE

WEEK OF AUG 15

Brideshead
Revisited
(PG-13)

Friday
*4:45, 7:25, 9:55

Saturday
*2, *4:45, 7:25, 9:55

Sunday
*2, *4:45, 7:25

Monday - Thursday
*5, 7:35

*These shows at \$6.00
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129 Centerway
www.pgtheatres.com

Harriette Phelps' Work Reported in the Post

Greenbelt's Harriette Phelps and her work researching the health of the small streams that feed the Anacostia was the subject of a Washington Post article on August 4 by David A. Fahrenthold.

Phelps, with the help of an assistant, uses local clams to tell the story of toxins found in the streams. She — or rather, her clams — have found PCBs in lower Beaver Dam Creek in Cheverly, PAHs (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons) in Indian Creek and chlordane (a banned pesticide used to kill termites) in Greenbelt's Still Creek.

The full story can be found on the Post's website.

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how to go about it.

Statements

Since the June 30 meeting, the ACLU has released two statements outlining their positions. The rationale behind the need for electoral change in Greenbelt remains the same as it did in the original letter. In the second document, the ACLU outlines a number of acceptable options for electoral reform, including Single Member Districts (SMD); hybrid of at-large, SMD; or an alternative at-large system such as limited voting; cumulative voting or choice voting as advocated by Maryland Fair Vote.



Condolences to the family and friends of Ruth Megill Hutchison, a pioneer Greenbelt resident who died on August 6.

Greenbelters were sorry to hear of the death of former Greenbelter Oliver "Ollie" Cone who died August 5 in North Carolina.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of former Greenbelter William (Bill) Shugrue, Sr. who died August 8 at the VA Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Congratulations to James and Mary Anton of Kensington on the birth of their daughter Zoey Helene, who entered this world on the auspicious date of 8-08-08 weighing 7-1/2 pounds. The new baby is the great-granddaughter of Pearl Siegel; her grandparents are Pearl's daughter Bryna Anton and her husband Peter. Zoey joins big brother Jason, almost four.

Send us news about your family to share with your neighbors.

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JAZZ FINDS A HOME AT THE NEW DEAL CAFE

FRIDAY AUGUST 15

JOHN GUERNSEY 6:30PM IN CAFE

GREG ENGLAR TRIO* 7PM PLAZA

SUE ELLEN HEGSTROM* 9PM PLAZA

*These are sponsored by Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts, with supporting funds from the City of Greenbelt.

SATURDAY AUGUST 16

BUCK HILL

WITH MAGIC RAY JAZZ

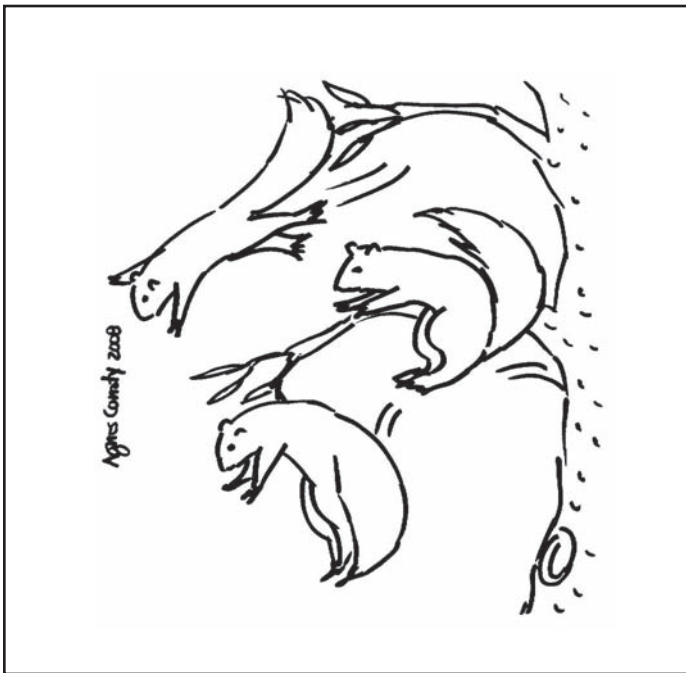
SUNDAY AUGUST 17

JEROME MELTZER JAZZ BRUNCH 11AM

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Grin Belt



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On Screen

"Brideshead" Visits Greenbelt

Director Julian Jarrold, who brought *Becoming Jane* to the big screen last summer, returns with *Brideshead Revisited*. The film is adapted from Evelyn Waugh's novel by award-winning British screenwriters Andrew Davies (*Middlemarch*, *Bleak House*) and Jeremy Brock (*The Last King of Scotland*).

Emma Thompson heads the cast, most of whom are relative newcomers. Thompson plays Lady Marchmain, matriarch of the Flyte family. The narrator Charles Ryder, played by Matthew Goode, is a middle-class boy drawn into the family's thrall through a classmate at Oxford. The main action takes place in the 1920s but is recalled by Ryder when he is posted at Brideshead, the Marchmain estate that was requisitioned during the Second World War.

This film runs 133 minutes and is rated PG-13 for sexual situations.

— Cathy Jones

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the previous day to ensure that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information and to make reservations.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for August 18 through August 22 include:

Monday – Navy bean soup with crackers, oven fried chicken, potato salad, pasta salad, watermelon slice.

Tuesday – Grape juice, meat lasagna, mixed green salad with dressing, California vegetables, pineapple chunks.

Wednesday – Minestrone soup with crackers, seafood pasta salad, lettuce and tomato salad with dressing, bag of pretzels, baked apple.

Thursday – Orange juice, baked wild salmon with cheesy sauce, boiled red potatoes, chopped collards, baked apple cobbler.

Friday – Cranapple juice, beef and broccoli, brown rice, mixed salad, fruit cocktail.

Free Ticket Drawing For Smith Center

Enter now to win two free tickets to performances at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. To enter, go to the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road and fill out an entry form outside the Art Gallery on the first floor. Winners will be drawn at the Greenbelt Artful Afternoon on September 7 at 3 p.m. Entrants do not have to be present to win.

One of the performances with tickets available to win is Paul Zaloom presenting “From the Jolly and Insane Mind of Zaloom” on Wednesday, October 8 at 8 p.m. Zaloom is billed as a wickedly funny puppeteer and political satirist who spins a new take on the classic Punch and Judy show.

The other performance is Gretchen Parlato and Esperanza Spalding performing on Friday, October 10 at 8 p.m. These performers are described as two of the most dynamic young women of jazz and they come together for an intimate, soulful evening that will sweep people into their groove.

For more information about the performances, visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu. The drawings are part of a community partnership between the University of Maryland’s Clarice Smith Center and the City of Greenbelt’s Recreation Department Arts. Greenbelt Recreation Department information may be reached at 301-397-2208.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.
1st Saturday of the month
10 – 2 p.m.
Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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GHI Notes

Friday, August 15, GHI offices will be closed for the staff picnic. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011

Wednesday, August 20, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room;

7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Thursday, August 21, 8 p.m., Member Input Session on the 2009 Budget, Board Room

Wednesday, August 27, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee, GHI Lobby

“Ask the Expert”

“Ask the Expert” cable show presents “Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate?” This presentation will discuss estate planning concerning family heirlooms. Presenter will be Okarsamaa Brooks-White, M.S., AFC(r) Extension Educator, Family and Consumer Sciences, University of Maryland Cooperative Extension, Prince George’s County Office. She will discuss how to communicate one’s wishes to children, siblings or parents. The broadcast will be taped at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road in the dining room.

Nonresidents of Green Ridge House must call Sharon Vanzego at 301-412-2480 to attend this taping.

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories;

Tuesday, August 19, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for ages newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, August 20, 10:30 and 11 a.m.; Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, August 21, Drop in storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Circulation Desk.

Adult Book Discussion

Wednesday, August 20, 7 p.m., Laura Lippman's "What the Dead Know."

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Reel and Meal At the New Deal

The documentary “Until The Violence Stops” (75 min.) will be shown at the New Deal Café on Monday, August 18 beginning at 7 p.m. It is sponsored by The Reel and Meal at the New Deal, a monthly film series that explores vital environmental and social issues and is sponsored by a consortium of Greenbelt organizations interested in preserving our environment. There is no charge for admission. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. an optional vegan buffet meal by Chef Karim will be available for purchase.

The film chronicles how Eve Ensler’s hit off-Broadway solo show “The Vagina Monologues” grew into V-Day, an international grassroots movement to stop violence against women and girls. It features emotionally charged interviews and readings by everyday and celebrity women, all of whom courageously reveal their intimate experiences and bond together to break the silence that surrounds abuse. More than just a group testimonial, “Until The Violence Stops” is a moving celebration of community awareness that leaves us with the hope that change can happen. Due to the subject matter, there is some adult language and graphic depictions in this film.

The guest speaker will be Tom Ricker who supports the work of the Commission of Women Victims for Victims in Port au Prince, Haiti, a rape crisis center working with women victims of political violence. Email sr.kane@verizon.net for more information about this event.

Explorations Unravels Wireless Technology

On Friday, August 22 Explorations Unlimited will host a free educational workshop about the basics of using a cell phone and how wireless technology can improve people’s lives. The workshop will offer a no commitment, no pressure environment with answers to questions about cell phones and fun with interactive games, activities, prizes and raffles. One-on-one assistance will be offered for those with cell phones.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday at 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Scholarship Awarded By Boxwood Village

The Boxwood Village Civic Association has awarded its annual scholarship to Elise Flynn, a 2008 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School who will attend St. Mary’s College in the fall. She is the daughter of Lawrence and Yvette Flynn of Lynbrook Court. Elise is a National Merit Finalist, a recipient of the ACE award and a Maryland Distinguished Scholar. The residents of Boxwood Village congratulate her on her accomplishments and wish her a successful future.

The Boxwood Scholarship is funded for the most part through the Zoo Dip Booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. It is one way that the citizens of Boxwood Village can encourage their young people to continue their education.

50th Anniversary Run August 31

The 50th running of the Larry Noel/Greenbelt 15K Run will begin on Northway Road at 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 31. There also will be a 3K run around the lake. Race day registration will begin at the Youth Center at 4 p.m. There is an entrance fee.

For more information visit www.dcroadrunners.org, call the DC Roadrunners hotline at 703-241-0395 or call Joe Broderick at 301-661-5019.

Action Center Added To City’s Website

The Greenbelt Action Center is a new link now being developed for the city’s website. The Action Center will allow citizens to search frequently asked questions (FAQs), submit their own questions and request services from city departments. Once a request has been submitted, citizens will be able to track its progress until it is resolved.

Public Works will be the first city department to have its FAQs posted on the website, which is www.greenbeltmd.gov.

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Children: \$6.00

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Adults: \$8.50
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Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50

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Week of AUG 15

FRI. – SAT.

The Step Brother, R
11:45, 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:50
Pineapple Express, R
11:30, 2, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
Tropic Thunder, R
11:40, 2, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10
Star Wars: The Clone Wars, PG (!)
11:50, 2:15, 4:50, 7:15, 9:50
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor, PG-13 (!)
12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10
Mirrors, R (!)
12, 2:30, 5, 7:40, 10:10
The Dark Knight, PG-13 (!)
12, 3, 6:15, 9:30
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2, PG-13
11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 10
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Pineapple Express, R
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Tropic Thunder, R
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Star Wars: The Clone Wars, PG (!)
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The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor, PG-13 (!)
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Mirrors, R (!)
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The Dark Knight, PG-13 (!)
11:45, 2:45, 5:45, 8:45
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2, PG-13
11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 6:55, 9:20

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club 2008 Football, Cheerleading and Soccer Registration

**Greenbelt Youth Center,
99 Centerway Dr**

Monday thru Friday,
thru August 20th
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

For more information, please call 301-794-0100 (press 7) or visit us at www.greenbeltbgc.com



Annual Crab Feast

Saturday, September 20, 2008

**At Greenbelt Fire Department
125 Crescent Rd.**

Doors Open at 1 PM, Food Served 2-6 PM

**Tickets: \$37 in Advance
\$40 at the Door**

For Tickets Call: Chris at 240-753-5250 or

The Firehouse 301-345-7000

Come Feast on Crabs and Pit Beef and all the fixings.

Beer and Sodas will be provided.



Obituaries

Ruth S. Megill Hutchison

Pioneer Greenbelter Ruth S. Megill Hutchison, age 93, died August 6, 2008, at Seasons Hospice in Randallstown, Md. She was born on November 6, 1914, in Canton, Mo. She was the fifth child of Fred and Mary Hockett. Her father died in the 1918 influenza epidemic and the family later settled in Washington, D.C., where she attended Gordon Junior and Western Senior High schools. She married Frank M. Megill in 1933 and in 1937 with their growing family they joined other pioneers in the new town of Greenbelt where they remained for 21 years. During that time Mrs. Megill worked for Greenbelt Consumer Services at the drug store and served on the employee relations board. She later worked for Government Services, Inc. at the U.S. Supreme Court cafeteria. Her first marriage ended in divorce.

In 1961 she married Henry M. Hutchison and they relocated to Miami, Fla., where she worked at the V.A. hospital until retirement. She was active in Southwest Miami United Methodist Church and National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter No. 1405. She served two terms as president and was honored for 16 years of service.

For many years until the age of 82 she was a member of the Dadeland Mall walkers and walked four miles three times a week. She participated in charity Walk-A-Thons, winning medals in her age group. Other hobbies included poetry writing, travel and doll collecting.

Her husband Henry H. Hutchison and a son Rexford H. Megill preceded her in death.

Mrs. Hutchison is survived by daughters Mary Cameron, Betty Beckham and Nancy Simms; sons-in-law John Beckham and James Simms; nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great grandsons.

Services were provided by Donaldson Funeral Home in Laurel and interment was at Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to The Alzheimer's Association, 1850 York Rd., Suite D, Timonium, MD 21093.

Oliver "Ollie" Cone

Oliver "Ollie" Cone, formerly of Ridge Road, died on August 5, 2008, after a long illness. He had retired from Amtrak after 52 years of service and moved to North Carolina in 2006.

He was preceded in death by his son Peter Cone.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years Pat Cone; daughter

Kelly and her husband Michael Amedick; grandchildren Jordan, Hannah, Noah and Andrew; three sisters and one brother.

Funeral and burial services were held in Middlesex, N.C.

William Shugrue, Sr.

Former Greenbelter William (Bill) Grayson Shugrue, Sr., 59, of Bowie, died on August 8, 2008, at the V.A. Hospital in Washington, D.C. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Amy; five children, Billy, Tammy, Dakota, Destiny and Emma; and four grandchildren.

A service will be held on Wednesday, August 20 at 1 p.m. at Beall Funeral Home, 6512 NW Crain Highway (Route. 3 South), Bowie. Interment will follow at 3 p.m. at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway (Route 301 South) Cheltenham.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made for Mr. Shugrue's three youngest daughters by mail or in person c/o Amy Shugrue at Maria's Beauty Salon, 141 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Margaret Graham

Former Greenbelter Margaret A. Graham died on May 31, 2008, in Burlington, Vt. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 23 at 11 a.m. at the Greenbelt Baptist Church, 101 Greenhill Road.

A social for friends and family will follow the service in the church.

Smith to Speak At Mowatt on Aug. 24

Steven R. Smith will speak at the Mowatt Methodist Church on Sunday, August 24 at 10 a.m.

Smith, the son of Maxine and the late Burl Smith, grew up in Greenbelt. He graduated from High Point High School, the University of Maryland at College Park and the University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore. He and his wife Deborah Baggett live in Beltsville. Smith is with the law firm of Ober, Kaler, Grimes and Shriver.



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New Deal Café Provides Home for Jazz in Greenbelt

Legendary tenor sax player Buck Hill will be performing at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, August 16 at 8 p.m. as part of a weekend to showcase the Café as a venue for local jazz musicians and jazz preservation.

Hill has played with Charlie Byrd, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, Shirley Horn, Kenny Barron and Ray Brown among others. Born in Washington, D.C., and now a Greenbelt resident, he worked as a mailman during the day and managed to have a thriving jazz career at the same time. Hill retired from the postal service in 1998 but continues to perform, most recently at the Smithsonian Jazz Café and next month at the Montpelier Arts Center in Laurel.

On Saturday he will be backed up by the six-piece Magic Ray Jazz Ensemble headed by

Raymond Chu, organizer of the jazz weekend events.

Friday

The jazz weekend at the Café kicks off on Friday, August 15 with a free outdoor concert in Roosevelt Center sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) with supporting funds from the City of Greenbelt. The Greg Englar Trio from Olney will perform at 7 p.m., followed by Sue Ellen Hegstrom from Rockville backed up by Chu, Peter Reppert and Art McKinney at 9 p.m. (In case of rain the concert will move indoors to the Café.)

Sunday

On Sunday, August 17 at 11 a.m. the Jerome Meltzer Duo from Takoma Park will finish off the weekend during brunch at the Café.

The New Deal Café recently reopened with a new chef/

manager, new menu and new musical programming with a focus on scheduling more classic jazz. Chu, the leader of the house jazz band that has been performing monthly at the Café since 2004, has been lining up local jazz performers at the Café while Peter Reppert arranged for open mic nights focusing on jazz and show tune standards.

Bossa nova and other Latin rhythms have great significance in jazz history and the Café also has a house Brazilian band with whom Chu plans to work. One can often find these musicians along with the Café's co-manager Maria Almeida, who sings in Portuguese, exploring the Jobim standards after the open mics on Thursdays.

The Café has hosted jazz performers in the past. For a while, Tuesday was known as

Jazz Night and often featured Latin jazz guitarist Alex Martin. John "Piano Man" Guernsey still plays for the Friday and Saturday night diners. The upcoming jazz weekend is the latest incarnation of the "Jazz Under the Stars" festivals sponsored by FONDCA in the past.

But Chu wants to do more. He and his guitarist Clarence Lusane are exploring the possibilities of joining an established jazz preservation organization or perhaps even starting a regional one of their own. Their goals would be to have the Café foster jazz and blues education, support the presentation of live jazz concerts throughout the year and promote the growth of jazz events in the region.

(This article was written by Raymond Chu, organizer of the weekend jazz events at the New Deal Café.)

The Byrd Singers Offer Free Concert

Renaissance composer William Byrd is widely considered to be one of the most brilliant composers England ever produced. The Byrd Singers, friends and neighbors will celebrate music of the English Renaissance period in a short program of Byrd's anthems and motets directed by Ruth Kastner on Sunday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Baptist Church, 101 Greenhill. The public is welcome and the event is free.

Museum Exhibits Include Glider

Visitors to the College Park Aviation Museum through October 18 will be able to see a Northrop Primary Glider built by 16-year-old Bert Brooks in the early 1930s. This and other museum exhibits are free with museum admission fee.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 18 - AUGUST 22

Monday, August 18th, 7pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION WITH ACLU/NAACP** at Greenbriar.

Tuesday, August 19th, 7pm, **POLICE COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING – SPELLMAN OVERPASS** at the Community Center.

Wednesday, August 20th, 7:30pm **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** in the Senior Lounge (Room 111).

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed below, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

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PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, August 20th and 22nd. 7pm: "Festival of Song - Dan Zimmerman." 8pm "Prince George's Little Theatre's 'Twelfth Night.'"

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For more info call 301-474-8000.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Greenbelt Board of Appeals
Variance Application 08-001-V

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on August 25, 2008 at 7:30pm in the Greenbelt Community Center (Room 114 Senior Classroom), 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD on an application filed by Mr. Ole Hass for consideration of a request for a variance of 2 feet from the front yard setback requirement and a variance of 2 feet from the side yard setback requirement for the purpose of allowing the homeowner to remove an existing carport and construct an addition to the detached, single-family home located at 129 Northway. For more information please contact Terri Hruby at 301-345-5417.

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The next City Council Work Session with the ACLU and NAACP will occur on Monday, August 18th, at 7pm in the Greenbriar Community Room, located at 7600 Hanover Parkway. This Work Session will be open to the public. For questions or additional information, please contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

Greenbelt Action Center

The City of Greenbelt has launched a new feature to its Greenbelt CityLink website that will enhance its ability to communicate and respond to its citizens, and allow citizens to search Frequently Asked Questions, submit their own questions, or request services from city departments and track their status.

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kind in the waterway, a natural small stream valley.

Neighboring residents then became concerned that their lake view residences would become part of the new pond. As tree roots became flooded, trees died. While the water level never reached the homes, the pond became stagnant and unsightly. Meanwhile the developer, city, county and Corps continued to debate what should be done.

Then, as suddenly as the lake appeared, it disappeared. Finally, agreement was reached and the lake was built under county supervision by a private contractor many years after the subdivisions for which the storm water retention pond was required had been built.

New Problem

Now the lake is acting up again. Over the past couple years the level of the lake has risen significantly, according to City Manager Michael McLaughlin via email, apparently because of an obstruction in the outfall structure. Residents again became concerned about what would happen to their homes.

Sharon Perry of the Greenbrook Homeowners Association asked the county to do something. Jeffrey M. DeHan, division chief of the Storm Drain Maintenance Division, replied that the county did not have an agreement with the city to maintain the property. This response then resulted in a flurry of emails between city and county officials.

Again, the flooding caused adjacent trees to die. However, according to McLaughlin, recent

heavy rains in June apparently dislodged the blockage and the water level now has returned to normal.

Emails

The problem has caused the city staff to look into the question of who is supposed to maintain the pond. Celia Craze, director of Planning and Community Development, said in an email to McLaughlin that she felt there was “extensive documentation that this facility has always been a county facility.” Staff has found in city records a draft agreement between the city (the property owner) and the county in which the county would assume responsibility for maintaining the pond. However, while the city had signed this agreement, there is no evidence that the county ever did.

DeHan told McLaughlin to contact the county’s Department of Public Works Office of Engineering for consideration of a maintenance agreement. However, Dawit A. Abraham, associate director of that office, told him, “I do not see why the county would be responsible for the functional maintenance of this pond now after 20 years in service.” He suggested McLaughlin write an official letter to the Director of Public Works. McLaughlin objected to such a letter on the basis that the pond “is a county storm water detention facility that was extensively designed and redesigned by the county and Corps of Engineers before it was built.” To this Abraham responded that he agreed a letter was unnecessary.

His reasoning was that “the

pond is not a county facility and cannot be accepted now for maintenance by the county.” However, he did ask to see a copy of the draft agreement the city had for the pond.

Subsequently, in a letter dated July 25, Director of Public Works and Transportation Haitham A. Hijazi told McLaughlin that there was no maintenance agreement, the pond is not incorporated into the county’s maintenance inventory, the county is not able to accept any additional maintenance responsibilities and, therefore, “the pond maintenance responsibility remains with the City of Greenbelt.”

Council Discussion

At this juncture, Councilmember Rodney Roberts intervened. He asked that the item be placed on the council agenda for this meeting. Roberts was concerned that city staff was trying to get the county to assume responsibility when he felt the city might be the better agency to do so.

Expressing dissatisfaction with the way the county performs services, Roberts told the other councilmembers that “anything within reason that we can take over from the county I am in favor of.” He requested staff to provide council with more information about the anticipated costs of maintaining the pond.

Staff, on the other hand, expressed a desire to pursue the matter with the county. Craze reportedly expressed concern that if the city assumed responsibility, it would face extensive future costs for dredging sedimentation from

the pond, as it already faces for dredging Greenbelt Lake. (Neither Craze nor McLaughlin were at the meeting.)

City Solicitor Robert Manzi told council that the county had sought authority in the 1980s through state legislation to take over responsibility for storm water maintenance from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and by law it is the county’s responsibility. (There is a separate tax levy by the county of 5.4 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for this responsibility.)

Councilmembers Ed Putens and Leta Mach expressed reservations about the city’s assuming responsibility for the pond but the councilmembers agreed to ask staff to provide more information.

Trees

At the request of Putens, based on a letter from Sheldon Goldberg of the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition, council also discussed the problem of trees killed by the recent flooding. Some are felt to be a potential threat to adjacent residents and residences.

Putens requested that the city horticulturist take a look at the trees to determine what might be hazardous. Manzi noted that the trees might be in a state-regulated buffer zone and that state approval might be required to remove trees or brush. Mayor Judith Davis noted that because it is a wetland area, those trees which were not deemed to be hazardous might not be approved for removal. Council requested that Manzi and staff check this out.

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When Penney was asked to speak, she told how she had come to this country from Holland to work at the World Bank, married an American, Walter Penney, and moved to Greenbelt 50 years ago.

Her first foray into community service was with the Co-op Nursery School when her children were small, then the Swim Team. Over the years, and especially in her retirement years, she has kept up her interest and participation in community activities, all the while enjoying membership in a great number of clubs and organizations and having a close relationship with her family and friends.

In addition to her work on programs affecting older people, Penney leads support groups for widowed persons, volunteers at the Greenbelt News Review, tutors elementary school children in math and writes thoughtful, logical letters to the editor on controversial community issues.

Now in her 90th year, she has always been a devotee of good nutrition and exercise. A raft of medals from earlier days in the Senior Olympics is displayed in her home but she continues to try new things, such as the “electric slide” a few years ago, an “improving your moving” class last year and presently a course of physical therapy which she “loves.” Always active, both mentally and physically, she is a role model for seniors.

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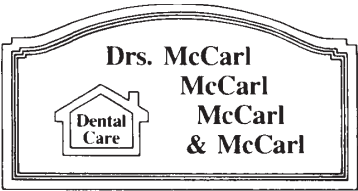


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Police Blotter

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

July 31, 9:44 p.m., Beltway Plaza, two nonresident men were arrested and charged with strong-arm robbery, attempted strong-arm robbery and three counts of second-degree assault. One man was also charged with false statement. The men, who were also charged in an earlier attempted strong-arm robbery nearby (see July 31 entry in the August 1 Police Blotter), were arrested after police, investigating the earlier attempted robbery, saw the men assaulting and attempting to rob another victim. The suspects were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

August 3, 3:09 a.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a young man assaulted a cab driver and attempted to rob him after the cab driver drove the young man from the Greenbelt Metro Station to the 5700 block of Cherrywood Lane. The suspect is described as a black male, 17 years old with a medium build and black hair, wearing a black hat, a black T-shirt, blue jeans and a multicolored scarf.

August 7, 10:32 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, a food delivery driver was assaulted and robbed at gunpoint as he attempted to make a delivery. The suspects are described as a black male, heavysset with black hair in dreadlocks, wearing a black shirt with red and silver on it, blue jeans and a skull type hat; and a black male, 5'10" to 6' with black hair, wearing a white tank top type T-shirt and blue jeans.

Assault

August 5, 11:05 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a woman reported that a man assaulted her after she refused to engage in a romantic conversation with him and attempted to call her boyfriend on her cell phone. The man knocked the phone out of her hand and displayed a handgun in his waistband. He was then pulled away from the scene by his friends. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'4" to 5'5", wearing a black T-shirt and camouflage pants.

August 7, 11:50 a.m., 2 Court Southway, police responded to a report of an assault in progress. Witnesses reported that they saw a woman vandalizing a parked vehicle. When the owner came out to investigate, the woman punched her several times and cut her in the face with a pen. A nonresident woman was taken into custody and was transported to a hospital for a psychiatric evaluation. The victim suffered minor injuries.

Weapon Charge

August 1, 7:02 p.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive, a resident youth was arrested for concealed deadly weapon, possession of alcohol by a minor, underage possession of a tobacco product and leaving a child unattended. A nonresident

youth was arrested for possession of alcohol by a minor and underage possession of a tobacco product. Parents were notified and the youths were released on citations pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Drug Arrest

August 6, 9:05 a.m., wooded area to the rear of 11 Parkway, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia; a resident woman was arrested and charged with open alcohol. Both were released on citation pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

August 8, 1:25 a.m., Springhill and Market Lanes, a resident man was arrested for disorderly conduct and released on citation, pending trial.

Trespass

August 2, 7:06 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, a nonresident man was arrested for trespass. He was released on citation pending trial.

August 6, 9:03 p.m., Springhill Lake Elementary School, a nonresident youth was arrested for trespass on school property and possession of paraphernalia. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

August 6, 9:26 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a nonresident man and a nonresident youth were arrested for trespass. The youth was also arrested for underage possession of tobacco and possession of alcohol by a minor. The man was released on citation pending trial; the youth was released to a relative pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Theft

August 4, 2:22 a.m., Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, a nonresident man was arrested for theft after a traffic stop. He was released on citation pending trial.

August 6, 10:46 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a youth was observed removing money from a cash register at the Bun Café and fleeing the scene on foot. He is described as a black male, 16 years of age, 5'10" with a medium build, black hair in dreadlocks, wearing tan pants and a tan shirt.

False Statement

August 2, 7:42 p.m., 6500 block Greenbelt Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with false statement, hindering and obstruction during a traffic stop. He was released on citation into the custody of the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department for service of an open arrest warrant.

Burglary

August 4, 3:59 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, it was reported that a television and two video game players were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported as stolen, a black 1995 Volvo 850 4-door, Maryland tags 6DWG49 from the 6400 block Capitol Drive

Donate Cell Phones To Greenbelt Police

"Secure-the-Call" is providing 911-only cell phones to the Greenbelt Police Department for distribution to the community. Secure-the-Call is a Greenbelt-based, nonprofit volunteer organization that refurbishes donated phones for 911 use only and returns them to the Greenbelt Police Department and other law enforcement agencies. The phones are then provided free of charge for victims of domestic violence, for seniors or for any person with a disability to obtain emergency assistance.

The Greenbelt Police Department has been working with Secure-the-Call since April 2004 and the program has proven extremely worthwhile. The phone donation boxes are located in the Greenbelt Police Department, at the Aquatic and Fitness Center and at the Community Center office. For further information contact Jackie Curley at the police department, 301-507-6500.

and a tan 2001 Nissan Xterra, Maryland tags A186329 from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace.

Thefts from vehicles were reported at 8100 block Mandan Terrace (wallet), 7800 block Hanovertown Parkway (in-dash stereo) and 6200 block Springhill Drive (GPS, CDs). Vandalism occurred at 7600 block Greenbelt Road (punctured tires), 6100 block Brezewood Court (punctured tires) and 7300 Frankfort Drive (shot with a paintball gun).

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herself as helping other people do their jobs and helping to keep the city functioning smoothly. Moran adds that as she becomes more comfortable in the position, she'll be able to put her own stamp on aspects of the position.

A Long History

Murray began working for the city as a police dispatcher, back when there were only 18 officers and the department was housed in the Municipal Building. Her next positions were as an administrative assistant for Public Works and then as the department's coordinator of recycling programs, a job she held for the past eight years.

In the time she's worked for the city, she emphasizes, there's been a lot of change, both in the departments themselves and in the city as a whole. Murray is particularly proud of growth in the city's recycling programs, which now include paper, plastic, metal and glass, electronics, fluorescent lights, composting and twice-monthly pickups of donated goods by the American Relief Workers.

Murray happily cites the statistic that more than 51 percent of Greenbelters recycle. "People will recycle," she emphasizes, "if you make it easy for them!"

Her former boss, Kenny Hall, the director of Public Works, says, "Lots of the credit for the growth of those programs goes to Cindy. We very much enjoyed having her on staff."

The years Murray spent as the city's liaison to the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee and in the Public Works Department were dear to her, evidenced by her enthusiasm.

But she saw the position of city clerk as an opportunity to work with different issues. "I'm absolutely increasing my knowledge of the city, particularly with how

its government works," she says. Greenbelt has "an outstanding city council," she emphasizes, and it's "a really active council, one that deals with a lot of issues." When topics like plans for Routes 201 and 1 come before the council, Murray finds herself learning a great deal from the various viewpoints that are presented to the council on these issues.

Personal Life

Murray particularly appreciates the flexibility her work with the city has given her over the years. She started as a full-time employee, but went to part-time when she had children. "That gave me a wonderful balance," she says. As her children got older, she went back to full-time.

Murray has never lived in Greenbelt — she grew up in Adelphi, graduated from High Point High School in Beltsville and has lived with her husband, a consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton, in Bowie for more than 20 years. But her kids spent lots of time here, going to day care, camps and the pool.

Now that those kids are in their twenties — her twin boys, 23, work as a police officer and a paramedic and her daughter, 20, is a junior at Frostburg State University — Murray has the flexibility that the city clerk job requires, particularly since Murray must attend so many evening meetings.

And she's more and more impressed with what she learns about Greenbelt. "It's a wonderful place," she says. "It's amazing how many people are involved and how much people do. I have loved being a part of this community and getting to know so many people here."

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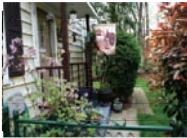
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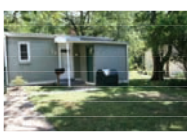
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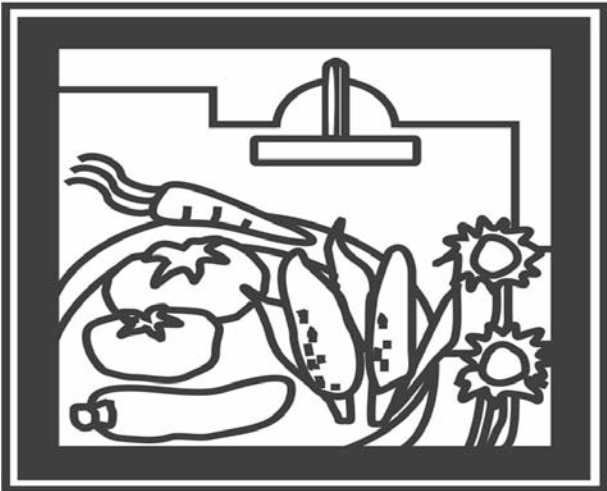


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Charming cottage with a large deck and a hot tub. New energy efficient windows, washer and dryer. One level living comfort. \$160,000

Frame Townhome

Two bedroom townhome in the heart of Original Greenbelt. Refinished hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen and decorator touches. \$159,000

One Bedroom Home - Lower Level Unit

One level living with lovely decor. Enjoy outdoors on your patio. Fenced yard with new storage unit. \$95,000. See for more info. \$112,000

Charlestown Village

Spacious and airy one bedroom home all on one level with assigned parking close by. Beautifully maintained & tastefully decorated. \$196,485

Townhome With Addition

Unique and cozy 2 bedroom frame townhome, this home has half bath on main level and a two story addition on garden level. \$221,215

Large Block Townhome With Vinyl Siding

Three bedroom townhome with modern kitchen and bathroom. Pergo flooring in living room. Quality fixtures throughout home. \$228,500

Waldorf

Three story townhome in Westlake Village. Neighborhood access to swimming pools, playgrounds and more. Value Priced at \$289,900

Snowden Oaks

This 3 bedroom townhome with a large addition has over \$20,000 in improvements this year. NEW kitchen, bath updates & more. \$314,900

Harwood

This 4br, 2 1/2 bath rambler is located on 2 level acres in Anne Arundel County. Master Bedroom addition in '07. Pool included. \$625,000

Clinton

4 br, 2 ba. Split foyer home located in Clinton Woods. Private Setting. Owners have found their home of choice and reduced price - \$318,900

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